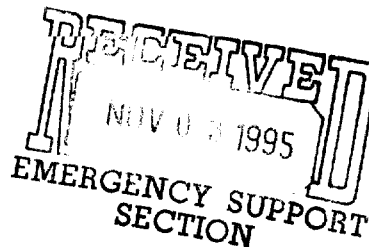


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Via DHL

Re: Response for Thor Power Tool Company to General  
Notice of Potential Liability Conservation  
Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc. Site, Gary,  
Indiana

Dear Ms. Beasley:

The letter dated September 19, 1995 from Richard C. Karl, Chief, Emergency and Enforcement Response Branch at U.S. EPA, Region V, and addressed to Thor Power Tools, c/o Norman B. Berger, Esq. at Holleb & Coff has at long last worked its way to me. Thor Power Tool Company is no longer an operating company. We are attempting to locate any existing files relating to the use of Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois by Thor Power Tool Company. Please tell us what you would propose as a resolution of any potential responsibility we may have regarding this Site.

Any further contact with Thor Power Tool Company regarding this Site may be mailed to Aaron L. Hardt, Environmental Consultant, Rexnord Building 4, 4695 W. Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53214.

Best regards,

THOR POWER TOOL COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron L. Hardt".

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